

# FAREHAM

## BOROUGH COUNCIL

### Report to the Executive Member for Leisure and Community for Decision

<b>Portfolio:</b>	Leisure and Community
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Community Fund Application – International Ice Swimming Association, Great Britain</b>
<b>Report of:</b>	Director of Finance and Resources
<b>Strategy/Policy:</b>	Community Engagement Strategy
<b>Corporate Objective:</b>	Strong and Inclusive Communities

#### **Purpose:**

This report presents an application for funding under the Council's Community Fund Programme.

#### **Executive Summary:**

An application for community funding has been received from Ms Kate Steels-Fryatt, Board Member of International Ice Swimming Association - Great Britain, for the sum of £600.00 to use towards the purchase of equipment for the an ice swimming event in February 2016.

International Ice Swimming Association Great Britain (IISA GB) is working in partnership with Andark Dive Lake to hold the first Great Britain 1km Ice Swimming National Championships. The event will take place on 20 February 2016 at Andark Dive Lake. The following day, Andark Winter Swimming Event (Andark WISE) will take place, comprising of a series of shorter distance races.

Approximately 30-40 swimmers from Great Britain will be competing at the main event. There are three swimmers from Great Britain who currently hold age group world records, two of whom are from Hampshire and will be competing.

The Andark WISE event will take place on 21 February, with shorter races which will be of appeal to local open water and winter swimmers, triathletes and wetsuit swimmers. Members of local swimming groups and triathletes will be both attending and competing and members of the local community will be encouraged to participate.

The weekend events will be a rare opportunity for local people to watch the national championships of a rapidly growing sport. Volunteers are also being sought from the local community to assist and several people have already come forward.

The total cost of the project is approximately £4350.00. The £600 requested from the community fund will be used to purchase equipment for the event including tabards, swim caps, medals, certificates and consumables including paper, polystyrene cups and printing paper.

The organisation does not have any financial reserves and therefore the event is being funded via grants and entry fees.

Councillor Swanbrow and Councillor Woodward are in support of this application.

**Recommendation:**

That the application for £600.00 from Fareham Borough Council's Community Funding Programme, submitted by Ms Steels-Fryatt of International Ice Swimming Association, Great Britain, towards the purchase of equipment and consumables, be approved.

**Reason:**

This application meets the agreed Community Funding Programme criteria for financial support for community capital projects.

**Cost of Proposals:**

The total cost of this project will be £600.00 and can be met from within the existing budget for the Community Fund Programme.

**Risk Assessment:**

There are no identified risks associated with this report.